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**Palgrave, R. H. I.** (Ed.). *Dictionary of Political Economy*. 3 vols. Pp. lii, 2529. Price, \$15.00. New York: Macmillan Company, 1910.

All three volumes of Palgrave's *Dictionary of Political Economy*, were reprinted, with corrections, in 1910. The changes in the main body of the work have been confined to minor detail without alteration of paragraphing or paging. The dictionary was, however, brought down to date in 1908, by an appendix to volume three which contains brief articles supplementary to the papers contained in the volumes as formerly published, and which discuss topics that have become important during recent years.

The editor says in his introduction to the preface that "At no period of the history of the world has applied science done more to assist industry, to facilitate the means of communication, and to promote the development of business than during recent years." The changes in economic activity and thought, the growth of government regulation of, and interference with, commerce and industry, the establishment and activity of the Hague Tribunal, the progress of labor organization, these and many other questions of first-rate importance are appropriately discussed in the appendix to volume three.

Such a work as Palgrave's *Dictionary of Political Economy*, is an indispensable reference book for all students of economics, American as well as English. It is an essential part of any well-equipped public or private library. However, the work is mainly, though not exclusively, the creation of English scholarship, and the point of view in most parts of the volumes is English. It is probably impossible for an English or German encyclopedia to lay such emphasis upon American topics as to make the treatment entirely satisfactory to American students. Likewise, it is not to be expected that American scholars can produce a work that will meet all the needs of foreign students. Palgrave's volumes are of the highest rank, but there is still need of a similar dictionary by American scholars. A *Cyclopedia of American Government*, is now being written under the general editorship of Professor Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard University and Professor Andrew C. McLaughlin of the University of Chicago. This American work, together with Palgrave's *Dictionary of Political Economy*, and Conrad's *Handwoerterbuch*, will give students of economics and government comprehensive and authoritative reference works.

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**Quaife, Milo M.** (Editor and annotated by). *The Diary of James K. Polk During His Presidency, 1845-1849*. 4 vols. Pp. xxxii, 1962. Price, \$20.00. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co., 1910.

The publication of the diary kept by President Polk during the greater part of his administration is a notable event, as it is a historical document of great importance. Probably no other President has been more misunderstood, adversely criticised, and even maligned, than President Polk. To be sure, several historians within recent years, notably the late Professors Bourne and Garrison, as also Dr. Schouler and Professor McMaster, have had access to the diary in its manuscript form and they have done much